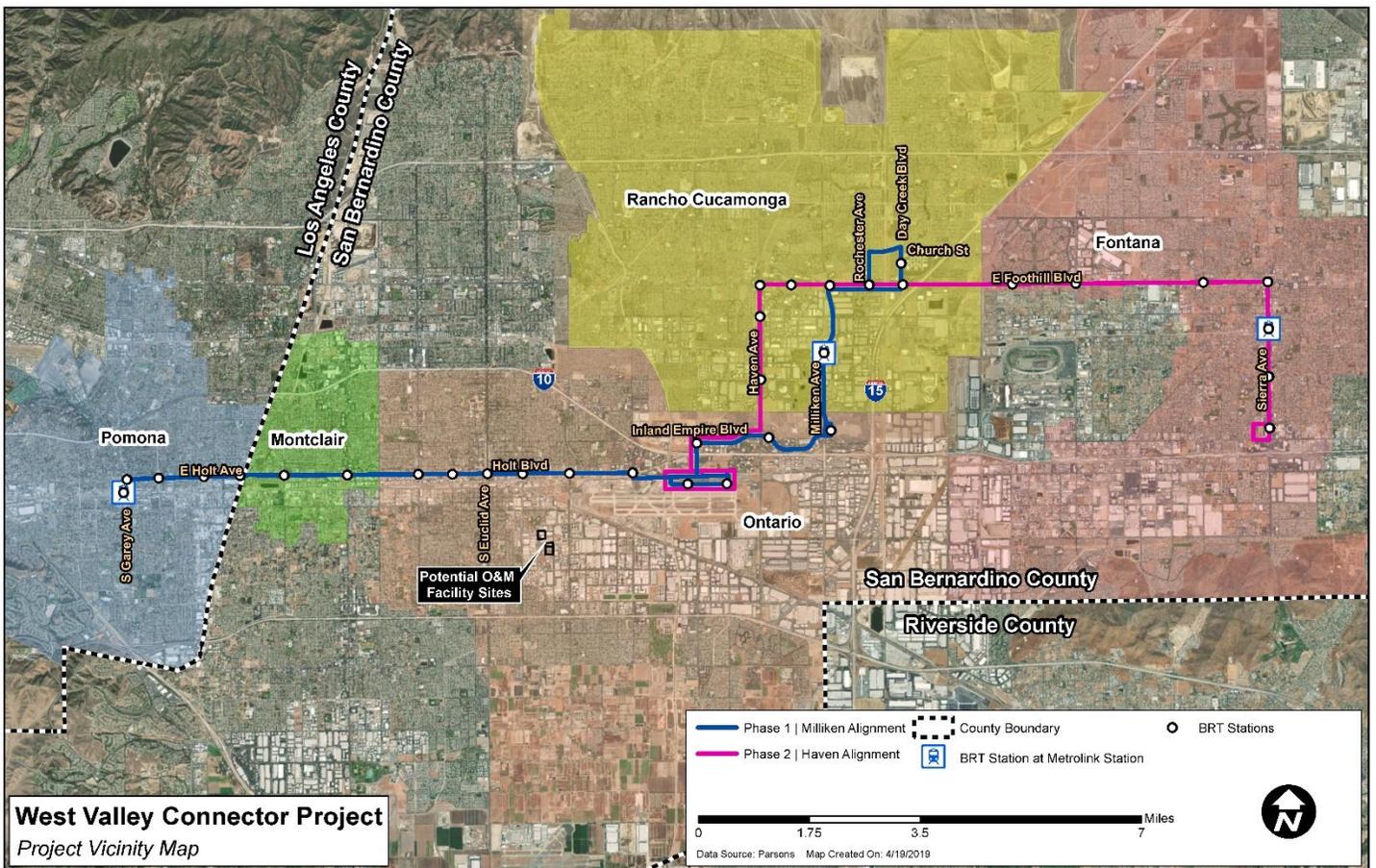


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Responsible Agencies, Review Agencies,  
Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, Stakeholders  
and Individuals interested in the West Valley Connector Project

## Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) and Public Meeting for the West Valley Connector Project

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in coordination with OmniTrans, have completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the West Valley Connector (WVC) Project. The project proposes to construct a 35-mile-long bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor that would connect the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana. It would include up to 60 station platforms at 33 locations/major intersections and associated improvements. A new operation and maintenance (O&M) facility for light maintenance activities would be constructed.



The proposed project would be constructed in two phases, including Phase I/Milliken Alignment, from the Pomona Regional Transit Center to Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga and Phase II/Haven Alignment, from Ontario International Airport to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana. Phase I is scheduled for operation in late 2023. Construction of Phase II/Haven Alignment is scheduled to occur after the completion of Phase I when funding is available. One of the project alternatives also contemplates an approximately 3.5 miles of exclusive BRT lanes. Transit Signal Priority (TSP) and other transportation systems management improvements, such as queue jump lanes, would be included. The BRT system will be operated by Omnitrans.

The Draft EIR/EA is being circulated for public review beginning June 24, 2019 and ending August 8, 2019. It can be downloaded at the SBCTA website: <http://www.gosbcta.com/sbcta/plans-projects/projects-rail-WestValleyConnector.html>. The document can also be viewed at the following locations:

- Fontana Lewis Library, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335
- Ovitt Family Community Library, 215 E. C Street, Ontario, CA 91764
- Pomona Public Library, 625 S. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766
- Law Library for San Bernardino County, 8409 Utica Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
- Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Four public meetings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations to inform the public of the proposed project and encourage public input.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
July 17, 2019	6-8pm	City of Fontana – Flex Conference Room, City Hall	8353 Sierra Ave Fontana, CA 92335
July 18, 2019	6-8pm	City of Ontario Senior Center MPR	225 East B Street, Ontario, CA 91764
July 31, 2019	6-8pm	City of Pomona City Council Chambers	505 Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766
August 1, 2019	6-8pm	City of Rancho Cucamonga Central Park – Etiwanda Room	11200 Base Line Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

The meeting will be an open house format with various exhibits and a brief presentation explaining details of the project. Following the presentation, attendees will be encouraged to review the exhibits and consult with members from FTA, SBCTA, Omnitrans, and the consultant team. The Draft EIR/EA examines the potential impacts resulting from the proposed project, and the public is encouraged to review the project to clarify any potential questions.

Comments on the Draft EIR/EA must be submitted by **August 8, 2019** to:

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